

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE
ORANGE COUNTY CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION**

AGENDA

BOCC/Chiefs' Association Joint Meeting
October 6, 2016
Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Richard Whitted Meeting Facility
300 West Tryon Street
Hillsborough, NC

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| (7:00 – 7:10) | | Welcome and Introductions – BOCC Chair Earl McKee |
| (7:10 – 7:30) | 1. | Fire Departments' Accomplishments During 2015 |
| (7:30 – 7:55) | 2. | Radio Infrastructure Including Paging |
| (7:55 – 8:15) | 3. | Discussion on PageTrack Software |
| (8:15 – 8:30) | 4. | Training Facilities for County First Responders |

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JOINT MEETING AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: October 6, 2016

SUBJECT: Joint BOCC/Chiefs Meeting Discussion Items

DEPARTMENT: Emergency Services

ATTACHMENT(S):

INFORMATION CONTACT:

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PURPOSE: To provide an opportunity for the Board of Commissioners and the Chiefs' Association to receive information on several topics of interest and to review and discuss those topics.

BACKGROUND: The BOCC has met with the Fire and Rescue Chiefs in previous years to discuss ongoing emergency service operations, budgets, initiatives, etc. This meeting provides the opportunity for those conversations to continue between the BOCC and the Chiefs. The items for update and discussion include the following:

1. Fire Departments' Accomplishments During 2015

White Cross Fire Chief Phillip Nasserri will provide initial comments for this item at the meeting, followed by additional information and comments by others as necessary.

2. Radio Infrastructure Including Paging

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The Countywide Radio Communications Interoperability and Systems Engineering Services Committee was established in January 2016. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on January 29, 2016 for a vendor neutral consultant who could determine the most efficient and effective method for designing a countywide radio system. A total of seven (7) Fire/Rescue representatives – four (4) from the Chief's Association and three (3) from Municipal Departments – make up this committee along with a representative from every Law Enforcement Department and four (4) representatives from Orange County Government.

The committee conducted an interview assessment and met afterwards to discuss and deliver a recommendation of the selected consultant. Efforts are currently in the contract stage.

3. Discussion on PageTrack Software

This item provides an opportunity to discuss issues and opportunities relating to PageTrack software. Emergency Services is working closely with Efland Deputy Chief Pete Hallenbeck. Efforts have been made to configure some Gateway boxes to talk to the PageTrack server, meaning that fire and Emergency Medical Services can see one another. Work is continuing on getting the remaining Gateway boxes configured and Deputy Chief Hallenbeck has suggested a meeting to figure out what can be done with this capability and how to manage it.

4. Training Facilities for County First Responders

Orange Rural Fire Chief Jeff Cabe will provide initial comments for this item at the meeting, followed by additional information and comments by others as necessary.

Emergency Services welcomes the opportunity to join others at the table for discussions regarding a countywide training facility. Emergency Services has been coordinating to actively reach out to state and federal resources gathering information that may provide guidance and direction on best practices to pursue this venture.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This is no financial impact anticipated as a result of these discussions on the topics listed above.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPACT: The following Orange County Social Justice Goal is applicable to discussion of the topics above:

- **GOAL: CREATE A SAFE COMMUNITY**

The reduction of risks from vehicle/traffic accidents, childhood and senior injuries, gang activity, substance abuse and domestic violence.

RECOMMENDATION(S): The Manager recommends that the Board and Chiefs receive updates on the identified issues and opportunities noted above and discuss as necessary.